

N.Y. POST OFFICE MEN INDIGNANTLY DENY THIEVERY

Percentage of Stolen, Missing
or Lost Packages Only
One in Each 50,000.

Since the claim was made that thousands of pieces of mail had disappeared last year through the operation of an organized band of crooks, the great majority of postal workers to whom is entrusted the handling of millions of pieces of all each year have shied beneath the imputation that wholesale thievery is going on in the ranks.

Interviewed to-day by THE EVENING WORLD, Chief Inspector William E. Cochran of the New York Division declared that the losses by theft from the regular mail and parcel post are only small as compared with the carelessness of the public and the necessity of hiring inexperienced

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clerks and carriers to fill vacancies caused by the war.

The regular employees of the New York Post Office are somewhat grieved by the statements appearing in the press that unprecedeted losses in the mails are due to thieves in the service, and in justice to them I am glad of the opportunity to state some facts bearing on the situation which will I hope, cause a revision of unfavorable opinions that may have been formed," said Inspector Cochran.

The statements mentioned are based on erroneous inferences drawn from information given by my Chief Clerk," he explained. "The first error is in assuming that a complaint of a loss is necessarily based on an actual loss in the mails. In many instances it develops that the only basis for such complaint is that the letter or parcel was delayed, the delay being usually to imperfect or illegible address.

It would, of course, sometimes happen that the article was missing through an error of the service and time would be required to get it back into the correct channels.

Also, the service is charged with losses when the matter never reached the mailroom. It is often true, however, that dishonest or unreliable messengers, it may have been mailed without stamp or without address, it may have been inadvertently dropped on the street, or it may have been carelessly placed on the top of a letter or package box where it was an invitation to any passing thief, and packages are frequently misplaced or stolen after a proper delivery has been effected.

The service cannot prevent such losses and is in no way responsible for them, but it has to bear the odium just the same.

The eight thousand complaints received each month in the entire State of New York, which comprises the New York Division with 222 post offices, including such cities as Buffalo, Rochester, Albany, Birmingham and Syracuse—57 first class, 1,724 second class, 338 third class and 1,724 fourth class offices.

Even if the actual losses bearing over 100,000 pieces of postage in a year, which I have endeavored to show is not the case, that would be only one piece in each 50,000 handled by this post office.

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Food Board Stops Shipments to New York, Boston and Philadelphia.

New American Work by Strube at Philharmonic

By Sylvester Rawling.

R. STRANSKY, leading the Philharmonic Society's Orchestra in a concert at Carnegie Hall yesterday afternoon, is to be congratulated upon presenting a programme of musical beauty. There was nothing to rattle the nerves of devotees of the ancient order. The virtuosi might look in vain for something to boast over. It was an enjoyable two hours that Mr. Stransky vouchsafed to us. The truth was there was a novelty, but it did not upset the equilibrium. It was furnished by Gustav Strube, who lives in Baltimore and is accounted an American composer, although he is not native born. It was another composition on original themes. Mr. Strube has expressed the hope that the theme is his own. At any rate, it is simple and beautiful, and the dozen variations upon it are developed with fine musicianship and commanding orchestral skill. Mr. Strube was called to the platform many times, and acknowledged the plaudits of a large audience.

For the rest, there were Mozart's nicely "Sinfonietta Concertante" for violin and viola, admirably played by Alfred Meyerin and J. J. Kovari of the orchestra; Gluck's charming overture "Alceste in Anolis" and "Daphnis et Chloë," brilliant piano suite "Schéhérazade." All the conductors are making a feature of this latter work this season. It's odd how they seem at the same time to light upon some one composition for exploitation. It served in this instance, however, to show the splendid quality of the band, and, at times, Mr. Stransky at his best.

The assertion of Commissioner Whitney that there is an understanding between city officials and traction officials merely corroborates the belief expressed in well-informed circles downtown. It is not believed in those circles that the Interborough in its present straits is likely to be forced to sell certain traction properties, although to that distinguished member of the former Kneisel Quartet, Mr. Willeke, Mr. Will Gardner is a credit to his teacher, Franz Kneisel. It may be assumed that the organization is being run in the spirit of New York's real life. A large audience distinguished by the presence of many musicians, acknowledged its tribute of satisfaction with fervent applause. The programme consisted of Beethoven's trio in D major, opus 79, and Saint-Saëns' trio in F major, opus 12. Like the Philharmonic concert, it was beauty.

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